

WILLIAM ARTHUR WHITING AND CLARA ELIZABETH PARCELL

William Arthur Whiting was born at Mapleton, Utah, on January 31, 1884, to Arthur Cox Whiting and Nancy Mellissa Lee Master. He came to Wallburg with his parents when a young man. Here he met Clara Elizabeth Parcell, daughter of John Lewis Parcell and Martha Ann Clifton, and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on November 15, 1905. She was born December 19, 1885, at Wallburg, and died July 1, 1950, at Springville. He died July 8, 1951, at Springville, and both were buried in Provo Cemetery.

William and Clara acquired a small farm and home. Hardships were many and there was much work for every member of the growing family. She worked in the fields thinning beets, and would drag her little boys along in a box. William was known for his wonderful, crisp cabbage. The family continued to grow until there were four boys and three girls. William was a bass singer and helped with music in the ward.

After skimping and going through hardships, the farm was paid for. "This farm was the pride of the whole family, and it was instilled in all the family that we should try with all our might to enhance and beautify and make better the portion of this earth we were privileged to occupy and take care of. Our home and surroundings were always a thing of beauty and joy to us."

When the children were grown and gone, the farm became too much for William's strength, and he and Clara moved to Springville in 1946 to help their son Leland with his service station and motel.

Their children: Clifton W. Whiting, Leland Ralph, Fred Arthur, Wanda, Ben Lewis, Dawna Lorene and Loa. 989



Wallburg early church house.

Bishop James William Boyden, July 1, 1934 to Sept. 4, 1944. Counselors were Sterling W. Stoker, J. Alton Bigelow, James Delton Batty, Ellis Clark Sabey and William A. Whiting. Lewis C. Parcell was clerk.

Bishop D. Dewey Bigelow, Sept. 4, 1944 to Oct. 18, 1948. Counselors were Carl Batty and Wayne C. Taylor with William Boyden Jr. as clerk. On Oct. 18, 1948 Bishop Bigelow was accidentally shot and killed in a deer hunting mishap.

Bishop Carl Batty was appointed Dec. 5, 1948 and served until Aug. 30, 1953. His counselors were Wayne C. Taylor and William Boyden Jr. Reed Ford was clerk.

Bishop Elmo A. Ford, Aug. 30, 1953 to Feb. 2, 1958, with counselors Mack I. Parcell and Lamond Givens. Reed Ford was clerk.

Bishop Reed Ford, Feb. 2, 1958 to the present time, with Paul E. Carlson and John Young as counselors and O. Tracy Hicken as clerk.

Under the direction of Bishop Nuttal a new church building was constructed, along with a separate house for young men and a Relief Society building for the women.

Bishop Garff remodeled the church buildings and then Bishop Fullmer had them completely rebuilt.

During the term of Bishop Bigelow the church house became unusable and the school house had to be used for meetings and recreation events. However, Bishop Bigelow was killed before anything could be done toward a new building.

Early in 1949 Bishop Batty called the ward members together and presented plans for a new church building. Each family in the com-